<u>REMARKS</u>

On March 1, 2005, the U.S. Patent Office mailed a Notice of Allowability indicating that Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-49 were allowable. No claims have been amended, added or cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-49 are still in condition for allowance.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicated that the drawings filed on November 7, 2001 were acceptable. However, Applicants are submitting replacement Figs. 1-11 (contained on Replacement Sheets 1-7) to improve the quality of the drawings.

Applicants note that certain minor amendments have been made to the drawings.

Specifically, in Fig. 3, Applicants have eliminated the underlining under reference numeral 322.

In Fig. 6, the legend has been eliminated. Furthermore, the direction of the numbers along the x-axis has been reversed. In addition, the first four numbers along the x-axis have been changed from "50, 00, 50, 00" to "250, 1500, 2750, 4000" since certain digits were missing from the originally-filed drawing. Applicants note that the numbers along the x-axis vary by 1250, so the missing numbers can be readily deduced.

No new matter has been added. Figs. 1-11 constitute all of the drawings of the application.

Applicants submit that the amendments require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent Office, as required by MPEP § 714.16. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

Applicants believe that the application appears to be in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

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